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KING GEORGE MAKES THREAT.

WILL GIVE UP THRONE IF PREMIER ASQUITH MAKES ANY KIND OF CONDITIONAL PEACE WITH GERMAN.

Balkan Situation Has Passed Crisis and Nations Are Now at War—Serbia Has Declared War on Bulgaria, Which Has Sent Forces to Resist Attack of Allies on Bulgaria City—Tentative Invasion of Serbia Succeeds—No News from East, and at West Situation is Little Changed.

King Threatens to Abdicate.

Special to The Daily Item.

New York, Oct. 8.—King George, of England, threatened to abdicate if Premier Asquith agrees to an inconclusive peace, according to the New York Sun. The king is quoted as saying that he will not permit himself or his children to occupy the throne if such a disgrace and humiliation is inflicted on the British empire.

GREECE DESERTS SERBIA.

Pro-German Cabinet Decides That Treaty is Only a Scrap of Paper.

Athens, Oct. 8.—Premier Zaimis and the Greek cabinet decided after an all-night session that the terms of the Greece-Serbian treaty do not require Greece to go to the aid of Serbia. A neutral program will be presented to the deputies Monday and a vote of confidence asked.

ALLIES ATTACK DEDEAGATCH.

Fleet Will Bombard Bulgaria's Aegean Port.

Athens, Oct. 8.—The Allies fleet from the Dardanelles are preparing to bombard Dedegatch, Bulgaria's only port on the Aegean Sea.

Invasion of Serbia Makes Progress.

Berlin, Oct. 8.—The Austro-German invasion of Serbia is making marked progress, according to a statement from the war office. Their forces have penetrated a considerable distance southwest of Belgrade.

Serbia Declares War on Bulgaria.

Geneva, Oct. 8.—Serbia is reported to have declared war on Bulgaria.

Bulgarians Oppose Allies.

Sofia, Oct. 8.—Bulgarian troops have been dispatched to Dedegatch to resist the capture of that port by the Allies.

Serbia Gives Bulgar Minister Passports.

London, Oct. 8.—The Serbian government has handed the Bulgarian minister his passports.

GREEK CABINET MEETS.

Consider German Protest Against Landing at Saloniki.

Athens, Oct. 9.—The Greek cabinet held a three hours session today. Among the subjects considered was Germany's protest against the landing of allied troops at Saloniki.

GERMANS ON OFFENSIVE.

Make Furious Night Attacks on French Lines.

Paris, Oct. 9. (Official).—The Germans attacking in mass formations the allies' positions about Loos last night suffered extremely heavy losses. The attacks were broken by infantry, machine gun and artillery fire, but the Germans gained a foothold in one trench recently taken from them. Similar attacks were made south of Neuville, St. Vaas and in the Champagne, but were repulsed. The Germans gained a foothold in a trench at Feillon on the Leintroy front.

MINISTER DELCASSE ILL.

French Premier Assumes Duties of Foreign Minister.

Paris, Oct. 9.—Foreign Minister Delcasse is seriously ill, and Premier Viviani has assumed his duties.

Bulgaria Protests to Greece.

Sofia, Oct. 9.—Bulgaria has protested to Greece against the landing of the allies at Saloniki.

THE RELIEF FORCE.

Allies' Armies Hastening Into Serbian Territory.

Nish, Oct. 9.—The French forces landed at Saloniki have reached Serbia. It is officially announced. Their

BETTERNAVY BOARD ORGANIZED.

SCIENTISTS URGE GREAT NATIONAL LABORATORY.

Session of Advisory Board to Be Held Every Sixty Days—Committees to Be Designated.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Organization of the navy's new civilian advisory board here today with Thomas A. Edison as chairman was followed by the adoption of a resolution proposing establishment of a great research and experimental laboratory to cost about \$5,000,000. It is probable that the recommendation will be included by Secretary Daniels in his estimates to congress.

The "naval consulting board" is the official title chosen by the scientists. It was announced that regular meetings would be held every 60 days, the next to take place in New York December 8.

Two sessions were held today, the first devoted to organization and election of officers and the second to consideration of the laboratory, which was proposed by Secretary Daniels.

Mr. Daniels was host at luncheon at the Army and Navy club during which a subcommittee submitted a programme for dividing the 23 scientists and inventors into committees or groups for study of specific problems. It was decided that there should be committees on chemistry and physics, aeronautics including internal combustion motors; electricity, standardization, torpedoes and mines, submarines, ordnance and explosives, wireless communication, transportation, production and manufacture, ship construction, steam engineering and ship propulsion, life saving appliances, food and sanitation, and aids to navigation.

Although the board will enter upon its task with such facilities as are available it will not be able actually to undertake work contemplated by Mr. Daniels and its members until the research laboratory has been provided.

base has been establishment at Givgeti. The British forces are enroute. It is expected the entire expedition will be on Serbian soil by Tuesday.

Bulgarian Cavalry Ready.

Athens, Oct. 9.—The Bulgarian cavalry has been massed at Kustendil to invade Serbia. This force is expected to cut the Saloniki-Nish railway over which the allies are sending troops to help Serbia.

Germans Take Belgrade.

London, Oct. 9.—Amsterdam dispatches say that Belgrade has been captured by Austro-Germans.

Servian Forces Move South.

Nish, Oct. 9.—Heavy forces have been sent southward to protect the Saloniki-Nish railway which is threatened by the Bulgarians.

Bomb Dropped at Nish.

Washington, Oct. 9.—A German aviator dropped a bomb close to the American consulate at Nish, but no damage was done.

Bulgar Leaves London.

London, Oct. 11.—The Bulgarian envoy to Great Britain departed for the Hague today. This makes the rupture between Bulgaria and the Allies complete.

Bulgarian Minister Leaves Rome.

Rome, Oct. 11.—The Bulgarian minister and staff left for Sofia, via Switzerland, today. A large crowd saw them leave, but there was no demonstration.

ENORMOUS GERMAN LOSS.

Men Sacrificed Without Scruple in Effort to Retake Positions.

Paris, Oct. 11.—The official statement today reports that the Germans lost enormous numbers in the furious effort they made to recapture the positions recently lost to the French in Champagne. Between seven and eight thousand German dead were left within the French lines in the Souain region alone. It was along the road north of Souain that the Germans launched their most violent attack.

DRIVING THROUGH SERBIA.

Berlin Announces Continued Success of German Invasion.

Berlin, Oct. 1.—The Austro-German cavalry is now astride the Belgrade, Nish and Semendria railways. The British forces defending Belgrade are retreating toward Kusgdak. All Ser-

GREAT CROPS ARE GROWN.

HARVESTS WILL BE MOST VALUABLE IN HISTORY.

Indications Point to Crop of 3,026,159,000 Bushels of Corn—Wheat Yield the Largest.

Washington, Oct. 7.—American harvests this year will be the most valuable ever produced. With the wheat crop exceeding a billion bushels, the largest ever grown in one season by any nation, and a corn crop which also may prove to be the largest ever made the government's October crop report, issued today, announced preliminary estimates which indicate record harvests of oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, rice, tobacco and hay.

Corn still is king of crops with indications of 3,026,159,000 bushels. That is 98,000,000 bushels below the record of 1912 but the final production may more than make up the difference. The higher prices this year assure the most valuable corn crop ever grown. At prices to farmers prevailing October 1 the corn crop is worth \$2,133,000,000.

Wheat prospects increased as the growing season progressed and the government's early season forecasts moved up month by month so that today's preliminary estimate was placed at 1,002,029,000 bushels. Wet weather at harvest time, however, reduced the quality of winter wheat so that much of it will be available only for feed. At prices prevailing October 1, the farm value of the crop is \$910,644,000, considerably more than ever was paid for a wheat crop.

September weather was particularly destructive to potatoes, causing a reduction of 37,558,000 bushels or 10 per cent. in the forecast of production. Tobacco also suffered from unfavorable conditions, which caused a decrease of 21,345,000 pounds in the production forecast. Tobacco, however, promises to exceed the record crop of 1909 by 43,000,000 pounds.

Oats will exceed the record crop of 1912 by almost 100,000,000 bushels. Barley will exceed its record by 11,000,000 bushels; sweet potatoes by 5,000,000 bushels; rice by 500,000 bushels and hay by 8,000,000 tons.

CHARLESTON RAIDS AID DISPENSARY.

Sales of September in County Over \$20,000 Ahead of September Last Year.

Columbia, Oct. 8.—Gov. Manning was advised today by the Charleston county dispensary board that the sales of the Charleston county dispensaries for the month of September amounted to \$67,258.02, and for August \$65,026.41. This compares with \$47,016.41 for September of 1914, an increase in one year of \$20,241.61. September increase over August of this year was \$2,231.61.

The increase in the sales from the dispensaries since the raiding begun by constables under Sheriff J. Elmore Martin has attracted interest and attention throughout the State.

GO TO NEW YORK.

President and Mrs. Galt to Visit Col. House.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Smiling and happy, President Wilson and Mrs. Galt left for New York at 10 this morning to visit Col. House. They were accompanied by Miss Bones, Mrs. Bollings, Mr. Grayson and Secretary Tumulty.

bian territory between the Danube and Save rivers is now in the hands of the Teutons. The dispatches report continued progress of Germans but they admit that the Serbians are offering severe resistance all along the front.

TURKISH SHIPS SUNK.

Russian Torpedo Boats Do Great Damage.

Petrograd, Oct. 11.—Nineteen Turkish ships were sunk by two Russian torpedo boats Thursday off the Anatolia coast. Eighteen were laden with food, the other carried ammunition.

MAY COERCE GREECE.

Italy Laying Plans to Force Greece and Roumania to Join Allies.

Rome, Oct. 11.—The premier today laid before King Victor Emmanuel a plan to interfere in the Balkans. It is expected the Allies and Italy will take steps to force Greece and Roumania to join them.

Ghent Bombarded from Sky.

Amsterdam, Oct. 11.—Ghent was bombarded by a fleet of Allied aeroplanes Sunday.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

COMES UP AGAIN AS TIME FOR LATIN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE APPROACHES.

Rumors That Carranza Will be Recognized Denied and Affirmed—Carranza Men are Jubilant.

Washington, Oct. 8.—The Mexican situation is again to the fore. Carranza agents are jubilant over prospects of his recognition tomorrow at the Latin-American conference. Some officials anticipate this action will be taken while others declare that recognition of any faction is a long way off.

MADERO ASSASSIN SENTENCED.

Alberto Grenados Will Pay Death Penalty for Treason.

Mexico City, Oct. 8.—Alberto Grenados, minister of the interior in Huerta's cabinet has been sentenced to death for treason. He is charged with assisting in the death of Madero. A sensation was created in the Grenados trial when he swore that a place on the cabinet was forced on him at a conference at the American embassy in which Henry Lane Wilson, the United States ambassador, and representatives of Huerta and Diaz participated.

SUES BANK PRESIDENT.

Negro Woman Claims Damages for Alleged Injury.

Lexington, Oct. 7.—Alice B. Morris, a negro woman, has just filed a suit in the common pleas court of Lexington county for \$5,000 against J. S. Wessinger, president of the Bank of Chapin and well known merchant of that town. The case is the first of the kind ever brought in the circuit court of this county, and its outcome will be of interest to all automobile owners, not only in this section but throughout the entire country.

The plaintiff alleges that on or about April 20 the plaintiff was near the town of Newberry, in the State of South Carolina, in a buggy on the public highway, when the defendant in his automobile, coming from the opposite direction and running at a high and reckless rate of speed, caused the horse to the buggy in which the plaintiff was seated to become frightened and unmanageable and to leave the road. That the plaintiff was thrown violently from the said buggy to the ground, breaking her arm and injuring her in or about the side and internally.

WILSON FAVORS M'ADOO'S PLAN.

Approves Proposal for Raising Revenue.

Washington, Oct. 7.—President Wilson approves Secretary McAdoo's decision to recommend that congress retain the present duty on sugar until normal conditions are restored and that the war tax measure which expires automatically December 31, be extended until the end of the war.

It was stated tonight that before Secretary McAdoo made his views known he discussed the subject with the president. The president believes the war has had such an effect on industrial conditions that these measures will be necessary to help build up revenues.

Some political leaders think that by proposing that the provision of the last tariff law putting sugar on the free list May 1, 1916, be repealed, the administration will inevitably open up the entire tariff question. So far as can be learned, however, such a step is not contemplated now by the administration.

SCHOOL FUND DISTRIBUTED.

Money Apportioned on Basis of Enrollment.

Columbia, Oct. 7.—Today the State department of education distributed among the counties \$25,717.16. Of this amount, \$15,696.41 were derived from the income on the permanent school fund, and \$10,020.75 from the recent payment on the purchase price of some of the old State dispensary property.

The money was apportioned on the basis of enrollment for the scholastic year 1914-1915.

Applications for the regular forms of State aid under the term extension law, the rural graded school law, and the high school law are now being received by the State superintendent from a number of the counties. Every school district participating in these appropriations cannot afford to lose this State aid for the session 1915-16, hence teachers and trustees should send in their applications through the office of their county superintendent without delay.

WILSON SECOND IN INTEREST.

MRS. GALT TAKES FIRST PLACE FROM PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK.

Little Shy at First, President and His Fiancee are Pleased with Attention Shown Them—Visit Col. House and Then Go to Ball Game.

New York, Oct. 8.—President Wilson and his fiancee, Mrs. Norman Galt, came to New York today for a brief visit to Col. E. M. House. Every time they appeared in public they were followed by thousands.

For the first time since he became president Mr. Wilson gave way as a centre of attraction to another, for the people centred their eyes on the woman who within the next two months is to become the "first lady of the land."

Both the president and Mrs. Galt evidently were pleased by the reception accorded them. They were slightly shy on their first appearance in public as an engaged couple, but acknowledged applause with smiles.

The president gave himself up for the time-being to entertaining his fiancee. The programme of the couple included a long automobile drive through the parks, a dinner party this evening at the home of Col. and Mrs. House and a theatre party tonight. Tomorrow they leave at 11 o'clock for Philadelphia to witness the second game of the world's series. Immediately after that they will go to Washington.

At the theatre tonight "Grumpy" was the play, but the president and Mrs. Galt easily were the stars. As they entered the theatre the entire audience arose and applauded. The applause continued until the president, Mrs. Galt and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones appeared in their box and were seated.

Several hundred persons were gathered at the Pennsylvania station when the couple arrived. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Bones, Secretary Tumulty and Dr. Carey T. Grayson. An unusually large number of secret service men were with them.

Col. House and Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York were at the station to greet the party. The crowd cheered and applauded and pushed forward for a chance to see the future Mrs. Wilson. She beamed upon the people and the president looked at her and smiled.

"They are applauding you," he said. Along the streets everybody seemed to recognize the couple in the automobile. Later they were held up by a large corps of photographers. The president and Mrs. Galt sat smiling side by side as their pictures were snapped.

During the ride many persons bowed, smiled and waved handkerchiefs and hats. Frequently the president raised his hat in reply and Mrs. Galt bowed and smiled.

TRAIN STRIKES CAR.

J. T. Pace of Tryon, N. C., Killed While Crossing Railway Track in Automobile.

Spartanburg, Oct. 8.—J. T. Pace of Tryon, N. C., owner of a garage and public service car at that place, and Richard Bomar, a negro, were killed and James Outlaw, another negro, was seriously injured when the north-bound Carolina Special on the Southern railway struck an automobile in which they were driving at a grade crossing on the Tryon-Saluda highway, three miles north of Landrum, late this afternoon. The accident occurred in Greenville county where just a point of that county crosses the railroad. The train was running late and at high speed. The two negroes were caught on the engine and were carried some distance. The injured man was taken to Tryon. The bodies of those who were killed are at the scene of the accident and an inquest is to be held there tonight.

ASTOR CUP RACE.

Speed Maniacs Racing at Sheephead Bay.

Sheephead Bay, Oct. 9.—The weather is ideal for record-breaking in the three hundred and fifty mile Astor cup race over the new speedway. Promptly at noon twenty drivers got away. Resta in the lead covered the first lap at a speed of one hundred and two miles per hour, and made the first ten miles at an average speed of one hundred and four miles.

Resta in a Puget car broke the world's record for hundred miles with an average speed of one hundred and four and a-half miles an hour, but was later forced to withdraw from the race on account of a broken connecting rod.

BIG WAREHOUSE COMBINE.

McLAURIN SAYS PLAN IS TO HEAD OFF STATE WAREHOUSE SYSTEM.

Owners Meet in Columbia to Consider Plans for Company Capitalized at Million Dollars, Says Report.

Columbia, Oct. 7.—The formation of a big warehouse corporation by merging the Standard Warehouse Co., of Columbia, and the South Atlantic Warehouse Co., of Augusta, Ga., is now being considered, it became known today. The idea is to have a company with a capital of \$1,000,000 to extend the warehouse system throughout Georgia and South Carolina and possibly over the entire cotton belt. If the proposition goes through it is said that warehouses to thousands of bales of cotton are built at principal points in the States.

The suggestion for the merger came from the Augusta Company to the Standard Warehouse Company here, a financial representative of the Augusta company having come here from New York with the proposition. It is understood that at a meeting of those interested here today a committee was named to take up the matter with the stockholders. The new company, if formed, will buy up the stock of the local company, it is said.

The proposed warehouse concern would be a gigantic affair, one of the biggest private corporations in the South. They propose to negotiate loans on warehouse receipts for cotton stored with them at a low rate of interest.

State Warehouse Commissioner Jno. L. McLaurin thinks this private warehouse concern is forming to combat the State warehouse. In a statement issued here tonight he said:

"There was a meeting in this city today of owners of Standard warehouses in this State and Georgia to form a huge combination to head off the State warehouse system. I have in my possession a copy of the letter calling this meeting at the instance of large capitalists. They do not permit the farmer to store his cotton where it was grown, and they call specific attention to the danger to their interests of the South Carolina State warehouse system. Whether this conspiracy of a class whom Roosevelt described as 'malefactors of great wealth' will destroy what has been done depends on the people. I have no millions to back me, only faith in God and hope in the people."

T. B. Stackhouse is president of the Standard Warehouse system, while Mr. Barrett is head of the South Atlantic Warehouse Company. The rumor that if the merger goes through that Mr. Barrett would move to Columbia and head this branch was denied tonight by an official of the Standard Warehouse Company, who said that Mr. Stackhouse on yesterday was reelected president for another year.

Few details of the proposed warehouse merger could be obtained, for it was stated that the Standard Warehouse had not yet given a definite answer to the Augusta people.

Senator McLaurin said tonight that the plan of the State warehouse system had all along been to build a big concentration warehouse at Charleston, where the cotton would be collected for export. The new private warehouse company if formed may also build a big warehouse at Charleston.

NEW NOTE ON FRYE.

Lansing Will Forward Another Communication on Sinking of American Sailing Vessel.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Secretary Lansing will forward to Berlin this week another note to Germany regarding the American ship William P. Frye, sunk by the German raider Prinz Eitel Frederic. It will acknowledge Germany's acceptance of the American proposal that the treaty of 1828 be submitted to arbitration for an interpretation on whether it permits the destruction of an American vessel carrying contraband, and also agrees to the German proposal for a commission to fix damages.

SOUTHERN TRAIN WRECKED.

Head on Collision Near Arrington, Va. Many Reported Killed.

Lynchburg, Oct. 9.—The Southern Railway train No. 38, from New Orleans crashed head-on into southbound passenger No. 19 near Arrington, at 7.30 this morning. Many of the passengers and crew are reported killed.

Later—Baggage Master Hughes was killed and several passengers on the express slightly injured. The wreck was caused by a mistake in signals.